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Comment: The administration to which the Urx II and Urx I mines are subordinate (Paragraph 1 of the Attachment) is known officially as the District Management Ostrava-North National Enterprise (Obvodni reditelstvi Ostrava - sever, narodni podnik) in Ostrava.

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1. The Urx II coal mine was a branch mine of the Great Mine (Velkodul) Urx I, which belonged to the Ostrava-North coal trust (for the exact location of the mines see page 3). The original names of Urx I and Urx II were Masaryk I and Masaryk II. Later Masaryk I was renamed Urx Great Mine and Masaryk II became Lidice. Finally Lidice was renamed Urx II.
2. Urx II mine had one mining tower and four main levels. The first level was 60 meters underground; the second, 180 meters underground; and the fourth, 394.5 meters. [redacted] There were passages and levels between these main levels but they were only accessible from the main levels; they could not be entered from the main shaft. The mine was shaped like a filled-in horseshoe; the distance from top to bottom was about four kilometers and the distance across the bottom about two kilometers.
3. Underground, coal and subsidiary materials were transported on tracks; the cars were attached to cables which were operated by electrically driven drums. On the surface, the coal and subsidiary materials were transported by an overhead cable car to the Urx I mine where the coal was sorted. The mine was provided with standard equipment such as pneumatic jackhammers and electric cutters for notching coal layers. [redacted]
4. The miners worked in three shifts per day. [redacted] an output of 480 cars was achieved, each car having a capacity of 0.75 cubic meters. There were about three cars of stones and other subsidiary material for each car of coal. [redacted] the output during world war II, according to the miners, was double the present output because of better leadership and organization and the availability of more qualified technicians.

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5. There were about 300 miners employed in the mine; about 75% of them were German nationals who were residents of the area and had been employed in the mine for many years. The average age of the miners was 40 years. The Germans were all CP members but the vast majority of them were Communists on paper only. Out of the total, about 25% of the miners were members of various brigades; the length of commitment ranged from one to five years. The average age of a brigade laborer was 23 years. The vast majority of the brigade workers were not CP members, and were, for the most part, an irresponsible group made up of Czechs, Slovaks, Poles, Hungarians, and Gypsies.

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6. There were about 40 girls, age 14 or 15, employed at the mine as apprentice miners. All of them worked only on the surface, repairing mine equipment. [redacted] girls were formerly employed underground but this practice was discontinued because it created a moral problem.
7. There was a dispensary at the Urz I mine which served both mines. Only first-aid treatment was given. The dispensary employed one physician and two nurses.

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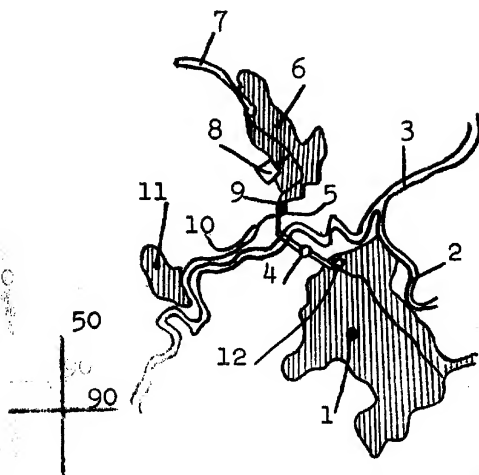
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Location of Urx I and Urx II Mines.



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## LEGEND:

1. Part of the city of Ostrava.
2. The Ostravice River.
3. The Oder River.
4. Road from Ostrava to Petrkovice.
5. Urx I Mine.
6. Petrkovice community.
7. Road from Petrkovice to Hlucina (N 49-54, E 18-11).
8. Hospital in Petrkovice.
9. Mines' Dispensary.
10. Urx II Mine.
11. Lhotka community.
12. Bachelor quarters for the Urx II Mine. (Four barracks constructed of wood and brick.)

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